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# Why doctors and their organisations must help tackle climate change: An essay by Eric Chivian

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**Abstract:**

Doctors are ideally placed to provide people with compelling, concrete examples of the medical consequences of climate change, argues Eric Chivian. Not only do they have the ability to turn around the potentially destructive changes to the environment caused by human behaviour, but they also have the responsibility to do so. We must help educate people about what is really happening to the environment in language they can understand, and there is no more compelling way to do this than by talking about human health.

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## Resource Description

**Communication:** ☒

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

 A focus of content

**Communication Audience:** ☒

audience to whom the resource is directed

 Health Professional

**Exposure :** ☒

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

 Unspecified Exposure

**Geographic Feature:** ☒

resource focuses on specific type of geography

 None or Unspecified

**Geographic Location:** ☒

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

**Health Co-Benefit/Co–Harm (Adaption/Mitigation):** ☒

specification of beneficial or harmful impacts to health resulting from efforts to reduce or cope with greenhouse gases

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**Health Impact:** ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Health Outcome Unspecified

**Medical Community Engagement:** ☒

resource focus on how the medical community discusses or acts to address health impacts of climate change

A focus of content

**Mitigation/Adaptation:** ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

Mitigation

**Resource Type:** ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

**Timescale:** ☒

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified